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SUBJ: CHOU EN-LAI'S MESSAGES TO ARAB LEADERS

1. PREMIER CHOU EN-LAI OCT 11 SENT NEARLY IDENTICAL MESSAGES OF SUPPORT TO PRESIDENTS SADAT AND ASSAD. REPEATING PEKING'S POSITION THAT THE US AND THE USSR ARE EQUALLY TO BLAME FOR ARAB TROUBLES, CHOU SAID THAT ISRAELI AGGRESSION WAS AN OUT-COME OF THE POLICY "OF AGGRESSION AND EXPANSION PUSHED BY IMPERIALISM IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND IS INSEPARABLE FROM THE SUPPORT AND CONNIVANCE OF THE SUPERPOWERS." CHOU ALSO REITER-ATED THAT THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE WOULD "UNFAILINGLY SUPPORT" THE ARAB STRUGGLE. CHOU NEVERTHELESS IMPLIED SOME RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE OUTCOME OF THE CURRENT CAMPAIGN, EXPRESSING THE CONVICTION THAT THE EGYPTIAN AND SYRIAN PEOPLE "PERSEVERING IN UNREMITTING AND PROTRACTED STRUGGLE" WOULD CERTAINLY BE ABLE "TO OVERCOME ANY DIFFICULTIES THAT MAY CROP UP

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ON THEIR ROAD OF ADVANCE AND WIN THE VICTORY OF THEIR STRUGGLE

AGAINST AGGRESSION," DURING HIS BANQUET SPEECH IN HONOR OF
CANADIAN PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU ON THE EVENING OF OCT 11, CHOU
FAILED TO MENTION THE MID-EAST SITUATION.

2. AN NCNA REPORT FROM CAIRO, OCT 10, PAINTED THE BRIGHTEST
PICTURE TO DATE OF EGYPTIAN ARMY SUCCESSES. THE REPORT NOTED
THAT THE EGYPTIAN ARMY HAD DESTROYED THE BAR LEV DEFENSE LINE AND
FORCED THE ENEMY TO RETREAT CONTINUOUSLY. THE ARTICLE STRESSED
THAT THE EGYPTIAN ARMED FORCES WERE "IN HIGH SPIRITS AND FULL OF
CONFIDENCE."
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